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Sir,

At 2 p.m. 23rd instant the Ningpo merchants in Shanghai held a meeting in their guild in Frenchtown and elected the committee for the coming year. Those present at the meeting all wished to dissociate themselves from the action of Taoyin Chow in sending a telegram to Peking in the name of Ningpo people in Shanghai requesting Yuan Shih Kai to remain President.

Some days ago the rebels seized Wukiang ~~五江~~ south of Soochow and yesterday a number of Government troops arrived from the latter place and drove them away. They fled toward Wang Ting ~~旺丁~~ which is on the railway near Woosieh. The troops at Woosieh fearing an attack there made preparations on the night of April 23rd to resist it.

It is reported that at 10 p.m. 22nd instant a contingent of six hundred Government troops en route from Woosung to Wusieh were ambushed by rebels at a place called Wukiang ~~五江~~ about 30 li from Soochow City. The former being taken by surprise suffered heavily. The result of the fight is now known. It is said that Nyeu Tih Sung ~~朱子聰~~ was at Wukiang with five hundred men. He had established his headquarters in a water police gunboat.

It is reported that Yin Hsien Zung Taoyin of Soochow has deserted his post and is now in Shanghai.

Residents of Soochow and Wusieh are arriving here by all in coming trains.

The S.N.R. discontinued its ordinary service at 11 p.m. 23rd instant and trains are only running as far as Soochow to-day.

Twenty boxes of summer uniform arrived in Chapei yesterday from Woosung for distribution among the troops in the former place.

On the night of the 22nd instant 500 men under the command of Colonel Fong Wei Nien ~~方維年~~ left

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Hweichow Guild near the Arsenal for Foong Ching ^{十一月四日}. They travelled by the Shanghai Hangchow Railway. A similar number of troops arrived from Woosung at the Arsenal yesterday afternoon.

Great precautions are being taken in Woosieh and Soochow, and nobody is allowed on the streets after 6 p.m.

X It is reported that Chen Chi Mei ^{陳其美} is trying to arrange to attack the Arsenal and set fire to various places in the City.

X It is reported that a rebel officer named Liu Vung Piau ^{劉文耀} has been nominated by a rebel leader named Pah Wen Wei ^{巴文輝} for the Tutuh of Zangzoh ^{常熟}.

It is reported that a police officer named Zi Yao Ching ^{翟耀卿} of Tachong ^{太倉} has promised to give the Shanghai rebels four hundred rifles.

It is reported that the rebels have sent an ultimatum to General Woo Fong Ling ^{吳丰林} of Sungkiang demanding to have that City declare independence within three days. General Woo has applied to Military Governor Yang for instructions.

It is reported that Deputy Military Governor Lu has received a private telegram from the President stating that if he reconquers Chekiang he will be made Chiangchun of that province.

The Shanghai rebels have sent twenty men to Tsingpoo near Sungkiang.

At 3 a.m. 24th instant a big fire occurred near the Ningpo Shaoshing godown on the Chinese Bund. The cause of the outbreak is not yet known.

Entered on M.S.
Apr. 24.

Your Obedient Servant,

William Armstrong

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.